

COLORADO RIVER RECOVERY PROGRAM
FY 2000 ANNUAL PROJECT REPORT

RECOVERY PROGRAM
PROJECT NUMBER: 9

I. Project Title: Water Right Acquisition Consultant

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III. Project Summary:

Due to complexities of water rights law in Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming, and the work involved in conducting water rights analyses, the Water Rights Acquisition Committee (WAC) retained the services of Water Rights Specialists to conduct water rights evaluations. The Specialists are available to the Recovery Program on an as-needed basis to perform work on individual water rights issues. Cost and performance deadlines were negotiated on a case-by-case basis. During 2000, there were no project identified for the water right consultant to work on.

IV. Study Schedule: Initial Year - 1991, Final Year - Ongoing

V. Relationship to RIPRAP: Green River Action Plan: Mainstem I.A.4
Green River Action Plan: Yampa/Little Snake I.B.3, I.C.3, I.D.2
Green River Action Plan: Duchesne I.B, I.C
Green River Action Plan: White I.B, I.C, I.D
Colorado River Action Plan: Mainstem I.A.4, I.A.5
Colorado River Action Plan: Gunnison I.B, I.C

VI. Accomplishment of FY 2000 Tasks and Deliverables, Discussion of Initial Findings and Shortcomings: A Scope of Work and annual report were prepared.

VII. Recommendations: None

VIII. Project Status: Ongoing and on track.

IX. FY 2000 Budget Status:

A. Funds provided: \$ 10,000
B. Funds expended: \$ 0
C. Difference: \$ 10,000*

* Each year, \$10,000 to \$20,000 is set aside to be spent for the Water Rights Specialists (Consultant Services). These are Section 7 funds administered by the

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation; funds not spent are carried forward from year to year.

X. Status of Data Submission: Not applicable.

XI. Signed: George Smith December 19, 2000
Principal Investigator: Date: